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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS - DIRECTIVES

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5.10 Use of Grant Funds Derived from *United States v. Dinkar N. Patel*

Purpose: To set forth the policy regarding the use of the grant to the Department of Health Professions pursuant to a plea agreement in the matter of *United States v. Dinkar N. Patel* in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Abington Division, entered October 25, 1999.

Background: These funds were derived from a grant made to the Department of Health Professions by Dr. Dinkar “Dan” Patel, pursuant to a voluntary plea agreement entered in federal court on October 25, 1999. The grant was delivered directly to the Department in accordance with the plea agreement and § 54.1-2505.13 of the *Code of Virginia*. The amount of the grant was \$600,000.

Policy: Consistent with the terms of the agreement, the Department will use the monies to enhance the prevention and detection of pharmaceutical drug diversion and health care fraud in the Commonwealth. The primary uses of the funds will be to support the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and the training of agency staff and the purchase of equipment for matters related to drug diversion. The funds may be used for other related expenditures upon approval by the agency Director.

Procedures:

1. Management of the funds will be through a separate cost code to be used solely for budgeting and tracking expenditures of the fund. The agency Director shall be the cost center manager for this cost center.
2. Routine agency management reports for budgets and expenditures shall include this cost center along with all other agency cost centers.